

IGOR LOPATONOK

RESEARCH TARGET

CHRONOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMPILATION

Full Name: Igor Zinovievich Lopatonok (LOPATEONOK Igor Zinovievich per GUR)

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1957-1972: Dnipropetrovsk KGB-Industrial Ecosystem

1957-1972 -- Leonid Derkach (father of Andrii Derkach, later a US Treasury-sanctioned "active Russian agent") serves as a KGB officer at the Yuzhmash/Pivdenmash missile complex in Dnipropetrovsk. The city is officially closed to foreigners and wiped from English-language maps due to its role manufacturing SS-18 "Satan" ICBMs and other strategic weapons. RFE/RL documented that access to the Yuzhmash complex required "extensive security checks by at least two state security agencies." All students and workers in this ecosystem operated under KGB oversight.

Source: <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-yuzhmash-north-korea-rocket-technology-report/28821134.html>

c.1984: Lopatonok Enters Dnipropetrovsk University

c.1984 -- At age 16, Lopatonok enters Dnipropetrovsk National University to study rocket engineering -- in the same closed city and security-industrial ecosystem where Leonid Derkach served as a KGB officer. Both the Lopatonok and Derkach families emerge from this Dnipropetrovsk military-industrial complex, a biographical overlap that may explain their later professional intersection. Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Igor_Lopatonok; <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3153020/bio/>

Late 1980s-Early 1990s: MGIMO -- SVR Recruitment Pipeline

Late 1980s-Early 1990s -- Lopatonok studies International Finance at MGIMO (Moscow State Institute of International Relations), which operates directly under Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A 2019 Moscow Times report based on Proekt's investigation found Russian intelligence services "actively recruiting students" from MGIMO. Expert Irina Borogan stated agents are recruited at elite Russian universities, "in particular from MGIMO, which is run by the Foreign Ministry." SVR Director Vyacheslav Trubnikov was an MGIMO graduate who transitioned to the KGB's Higher School. Poland's foreign ministry fired hundreds of MGIMO graduates in a targeted overhaul. MGIMO houses SVR-released documents and has unveiled monuments to SVR "illegals" on campus. Notable MGIMO alumni include Sergei Lavrov (Foreign Minister) and Ilham Aliyev (President of Azerbaijan -- to whom Lopatonok later pitched a hagiographic documentary). Source:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/10/18/russian-spies-recruit-mgimo-students-proekt-a67796>

1992: First Marriage

1992 -- Marries Marina Lopatonok (marriage lasts until 2009). Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Igor_Lopatonok

2005: First Production Company

2005 -- Co-founds production company Technomedia in Kyiv, Ukraine, specializing in new digital technologies for Ukrainian film professionals, including colorization of Soviet-era films. Source:

<https://corthodoxc.org/igor-lopatonok/>

2008: Immigration to United States

2008 -- Emigrates from Russia to Los Angeles, California. Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Igor_Lopatonok

2009: Grading Dimension Pictures

2009 -- Registers Grading Dimension Pictures Inc. in California with business partner Aleksandr Shapiro. Co-founds the company with 60/40 ownership split (Lopatonok 60%). The company's Facebook page, in broken English, describes itself as a "production house specialized on producing

move from development to post-production" and has 31 followers. Marries Nina Podolska (second marriage). Source: <https://www.occrp.org/en/investigation/pro-kremlin-us-filmmaker-pitched-fawning-films-to-dictators-starring-oliver-stone>

2011: Shapiro Embezzlement Lawsuit

2011 -- Former business partner Aleksandr Shapiro files civil lawsuit alleging Lopatonok embezzled over \$1 million in corporate funds from Grading Dimension Pictures for personal expenses including purchases at De Beers on Rodeo Drive (over \$3,000), Giorgio Armani (nearly \$1,200), and private school tuition. Court filings show Lopatonok used corporate bank accounts and credit cards for personal and spousal credit card payments. By this time ownership had become 50-50. Case settled November 2012, terms undisclosed. Source: <https://www.occrp.org/en/investigation/pro-kremlin-us-filmmaker-pitched-fawning-films-to-dictators-starring-oliver-stone>

2014: Maidan Massacre Documentary

2014 -- Produces "Maidan Massacre" (dir. John Beck Hofmann, exec. prod. Igor Kobzev). The film sought to counter findings that pro-Russian forces were responsible for killings during Euromaidan. Source: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3153020/>

2016: Ukraine on Fire

2016 -- Directs "Ukraine on Fire" with Oliver Stone as executive producer. Features interviews with Putin and Yanukovich. Premieres at Taormina Film Festival. Airs on REN TV (Russian national network) in November 2016. Later removed from YouTube in March 2022, restored with content warning. Available on Amazon Prime, Rumble, Odysee, BitChute, Apple TV. Uploaded to Internet Archive on February 22, 2022 (day of full-scale invasion) with user-added tags including "Zionism" and "Globohomo." Lopatonok later claims over 385 million viewers and translation into 40+ languages. Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine_on_Fire_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine_on_Fire_(film)); <https://archive.org/details/ukraine-on-fire>

2016 -- Divorce from Nina Podolska results in \$1.5 million abstract of judgment against Lopatonok. Source: <https://unicourt.com/case/ca-la2-nina-podolska-vs-igor-lopatonok-885087>

2018: Bankruptcy and Corporate Suspension

2018 -- Files twice for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the Central District of California (case gov.uscourts.cacb.1845929) to prevent foreclosure on his \$2.75 million Malibu residence. Claims in sworn declarations to have secured refinancing. Global 3 Pictures Inc. (incorporated December 2011) suspended by California Franchise Tax Board for failure to make required filings. Source: <https://archive.org/details/gov.uscourts.cacb.1845929>

2019: Revealing Ukraine -- Medvedchuk on the Red Carpet

2019 -- Directs "Revealing Ukraine." Central interview: Viktor Medvedchuk (US Treasury-sanctioned since 2014, Putin's daughter's godfather). Featured Lee Stranahan (Radio Sputnik). Medvedchuk joined the red carpet at Taormina Film Festival alongside Lopatonok and Stone. OCCRP: leaked emails from a screenwriter on the team describe a conversation with Medvedchuk's wife stating "the budget of the movie is completely covered by them." Lopatonok listed on Ukraine's Myrotvorets ("Peacemaker") database. 112 Ukraine's office attacked with RPG when planning to broadcast the film. Source: <https://www.occrp.org/en/investigation/pro-kremlin-us-filmmaker-pitched-fawning-films-to-dictators-starring-oliver-stone>

2020: RT/Sputnik Integration Deepens

August 2020 -- Registers Global Tree Pictures Inc. (Entity C4630075) in California. CEO: Lopatonok; Director: Igor Kobzev (ex-Russian Navy, "born and raised in the Soviet Union"); CFO/Secretary: Vera Tomilova. *Source: <https://www.bizprofile.net/ca/west-hollywood/global-tree-pictures>*

September 2020 -- Appears on Sputnik Radio's "The Backstory" stating "the same puppet masters that orchestrated the coup in Ukraine are behind Black Lives Matter." Sputnik maintains a dedicated person page with 20+ tagged articles and appearances spanning 2016-2023. *Source: <https://sputnikglobe.com/20200923/welcome-to-the-backstory-1080553091.html>*

September 10, 2020 -- US Treasury designates Andrii Derkach as "an active Russian agent for over a decade, maintaining close connections with the Russian Intelligence Services" under E.O. 13848. Derkach had met with Giuliani in Kyiv December 2019 to assemble anti-Biden corruption case. Derkach will later appear in Lopatonok's films and at COCUS inaugural event. *Source: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1118>*

2021: Russian Citizenship, RT Podcast, Qazaq

c. February 2021 -- Obtains Russian citizenship. Reported by Olga Lautman; Intelligence Online (Indigo Publications, Paris) reported the date as February 24, 2022 (the day of Russia's full-scale invasion). Acquiring Russian citizenship as a US citizen requires a direct application to Russian authorities. *Source: <https://olgautman.substack.com/p/kash-patels-ties-to-a-russian-operation>*

Late October/Early November 2021 -- Tara Reade launches "The Politics of Survival" podcast, explicitly branded "an RT Podcast" with footer: "An RT Podcast - subscribe to RT on Twitter." Lopatonok is Episode 2 guest. Reade publishes op-ed on rt.com November 16, 2021 referencing her interview with Lopatonok about the Kazakhstan documentary. Podcast later removed from Spotify March 2022 alongside other RT content. *Source: <https://indienewsnetwork.substack.com/p/igor-lopatonok-preview-of-the-politics>; <https://tarareade.substack.com/p/igorlopatonok-interview-preview-podcast>*

November 2021 -- "The Everlasting Present -- Ukraine: 30 Years of InDependence" premieres on RT Documentary channel. Featured Andrii Derkach (US Treasury-sanctioned Russian agent) and Simona Mangiante-Papadopoulos. UACRISIS.ORG assessed: "far closer to the cinematography of Soviet propaganda than to the actual history of Ukraine." *Source: <https://uacrisis.org/en/the-sinema-of-russian-propaganda-how-kremlin-narratives-go-west>*

December 2021 -- "Qazaq: History of the Golden Man" released. Nazarbayev Foundation paid at least \$5 million via Kazakhstan's State Center for Support of National Cinema, per OCCRP. Stone and Lopatonok denied Kazakh government involvement. Aired on Kazakh state TV. *Source: <https://www.rferl.org/a/kazakhstan-nazarbaev-whitewash-lopatonok-oliver-stone/32857496.html>*

December 2021 -- Benjamin Rabbanian (minor) files personal injury lawsuit against Lopatonok (dog bite incident). Settlement reached late 2024. *Source: <https://unicourt.com/case/ca-la23-benjamin-rabbanian-a-minor-by-and-through-his-guardian-ad-litem-hourash-khazan-vs-igor-lopatonok-784361>*

January 2021 -- Eviction case: Bobba Inc. v. Lopatonok. Resulted in stipulated judgment. *Source: <https://unicourt.com/case/ca-la23-bobba-inc-vs-igor-lopatonok-641296>*

2022: Invasion, Film Proposals, Schiller Institute

February 24, 2022 -- Russia launches full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Lopatonok's "Ukraine on Fire" uploaded to Internet Archive the same day. YouTube removes the film in March 2022; later restored with content warning. *Source: <https://archive.org/details/ukraine-on-fire>*

Post-Invasion 2022 -- Lopatonok sends proposal to Dmitry Peskov's office (Kremlin press secretary) aimed at cutting US military aid to Ukraine from the "United States and its satellites" and stopping "financing the war." Two European intelligence officials confirmed the proposal carried instructions indicating contents should be approved by Peskov. *Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national->*

security/2025/02/07/patel-fbi-russia-lopatonok/; https://asamnews.com/2025/02/12/kash-patel-foreign-clients-conflict-of-interest/

March 2022 -- RT America ceases operations following Russia's invasion. Sean Stone's "Watching the Hawks" ends. On RT America's final day, Stone criticized celebrities speaking out against invasion, claimed Oprah banned Tolstoy, said characterizing Putin as "some kind of dictator" was wrong. *Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Stone*

June 2022 -- First documented appearance on Patrick Henningsen's 21st Century Wire, discussing "Ukraine on Fire." At least 5 additional TNT Radio/21CW appearances follow through February 2026. *Source: https://21stcenturywire.com/2022/06/27/interview-igor-lopatonok-film-director-ukraine-on-fire/*

August 2022 -- Registers Global Tree Film Productions (Entity 5218677) in California. Lopatonok CEO, Tomilova CFO. Remains active. *Source: https://www.bizprofile.net/ca/west-hollywood/global-tree-film-productions*

September 10-11, 2022 -- Appears at Schiller Institute/LaRouche conference on panel "Shut Down the Nazi Kill List" alongside Ray McGovern and Jim Jatras. Confirms LaRouche network connection. *Source: https://llarouchepub.com/pr/2022/20220911_panel_2.html*

November 2022 -- Press TV (Iranian state media) interview. *Source: https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/14/678511/Ukraine-Conflict-Rages-On*

2023: Telegram Propaganda, Prigozhin Foundation, Butina

Early 2023 -- Lopatonok's Telegram channel (@GlobalTreePictures, 302 subscribers) begins systematic forwarding of Russian state and pro-war content: official Kremlin News (Putin's Victory Day address with kremlin.ru link), WarGonzo (eulogy for DPR "Somali" storm battalion commander), "Kalibrated" (celebrating Russian advances in Avdiivka), "Sons of Monarchy" (Russian ultranationalist/Orthodox monarchist channel celebrating "the Russian Spirit" and "Glory to Russia"). *Source: https://t.me/s/GlobalTreePictures*

March 2023 -- Lopatonok's Telegram channel forwards content from Prigozhin's Foundation to Battle Injustice (FBR) -- the March 7, 2023 "Patriot" media group conference featuring Tara Reade. The FBR is a US Treasury-sanctioned entity (designated July 2022 under E.O. 13848 as part of Project Lakhta). Run by Mira Terada (convicted US money launderer, greeted at Sheremetyevo by Prigozhin aide Maxim Shugaley). CNN reported (October 2024) that after Prigozhin's death the FBR was "reintegrated into the Russian state influence system." *Source: https://t.me/s/GlobalTreePictures (post #235); https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0899; https://www.cnn.com/2024/10/30/europe/russian-disinformation-harris-walz-us-election-intl*

March 2023 -- Lopatonok's Telegram channel forwards congratulations to Maria Butina (convicted Russian agent, now State Duma MP) on receiving a State Duma award from Volodin. Confirms direct engagement with Butina's content. *Source: https://t.me/s/GlobalTreePictures (post #236)*

March 2023 -- Hosted by Scott Ritter on TheAltWorld Episode 26. *Source: Handover brief Section 14*

March 2023 -- Announces on Telegram (in Russian) that "Ukraine on Fire" will broadcast on Belarus-1 (state TV) in prime time on March 1, and "Revealing Ukraine" on March 2, followed by repeat airings on NTV-Belarus. Writes: "Viewers in Belarus will appreciate our work, because they themselves experienced a color revolution attempt in their country in August 2020." Confirms Belarusian state broadcast distribution. *Source: https://t.me/s/GlobalTreePictures (posts #233, #237)*

2023 -- Directs "To Russia With Love" -- GUR-documented project seeking to persuade Westerners to relocate to Russia. Funded by Putin-established cultural foundation (\$31,000 documented). Programmatic twin of Maria Butina's "Welcome to Russia" (launched November 2024), which Butina calls an "ideological visa" program. Both operations target the identical audience under Kremlin auspices. *Source: https://war-sanctions.gur.gov.ua/en/propaganda/persons/35795; https://cepa.org/article/love-putins-russia-come-join-us/*

May 2023 -- Tara Reade defects to Russia. Announced at Sputnik press conference alongside Maria Butina (convicted Russian agent, now Russian MP) and Margarita Simonyan (RT editor-in-chief). Lopatonok connected Reade to the RT media ecosystem via his RT-branded podcast in 2021.

Source: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/5517601-tara-reade-russian-citizen/>

2024: OCCRP Investigation, COCUS, Hunter's Laptop, TCN Series

March 5, 2024 -- OCCRP publishes major investigation (jointly with Vlast.kz, ZDF, Der Standard, Der Spiegel): "Pro-Kremlin U.S. Filmmaker Pitched Fawning Films to Dictators -- Starring Oliver Stone." Based on dozens of leaked internal documents and emails. Reveals systematic operation pitching hagiographic documentaries to Belarus (Lukashenko), Azerbaijan (Aliyev, \$15M pitch promising "unique positive impact on publicity of the president"), Turkey (Erdogan), China, UAE, and Tatarstan. OCCRP: Oliver Stone pulled out of Lukashenko project after full-scale invasion. Peter Jackson's agent confirmed his name used without permission. During OCCRP interview, Lopatonok threatened journalists: "we're going after you personally" and "we're going to destroy you." Separately covered by Meduza (March 7, 2024), RFE/RL, Hollywood Reporter, Mikroskop Media (Azerbaijan). Source: <https://www.occrp.org/en/investigation/pro-kremlin-us-filmmaker-pitched-fawning-films-to-dictators-starring-oliver-stone>; <https://meduza.io/feature/2024/03/07/rezhisser-igor-lopatonok-snyavshiy-filmy-o-medvedchuke-i-nazarbaeve-gotovil-proekty-s-lukashenko-i-alievym>

March 2024 -- Registers Global Truth Initiative (nonprofit) and Global Truth Initiative LP in California. Lopatonok and Tomilova listed. Source: <https://www.bizprofile.net/authorized-person/igor-lopatonok>

April 1, 2024 -- Christian Orthodox Coalition Inc. (COCUS) incorporated in Florida (N24000004279). Registered agent: Dr. Olga Ravasi, 9441 Benvenuto Ct Unit 201, Naples, FL 34119. Board: Ravasi (President/ED), George Papadopoulos (convicted Oct 2017 of lying to FBI, pardoned by Trump), Onisim Dorneanu, Igor Lopatonok. Advisory Council: Vera Tomilova (Russian state TV production history), Jim Jatras (dedicated RT contributor page, Sputnik person page, StopFake assessed as "Russian propaganda mouthpiece"), Catherine Whiteford, John M. Pierce (attorney for 20+ Jan 6 defendants), Simona Mangiante-Papadopoulos. Fundraising via WinRed. Source: <https://corthodoxc.org/team/>; <https://meidasnews.com/news/christian-orthodox-coalition-launches-with-michael-flynn>

May 2024 -- Attends SOBH International Media Festival in Tehran as special guest and workshop leader. Connected to IRIB (Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting). Source: <https://sobhfestival.com/news/2383/igor-lopatonok-in-the-workshop-on-the-preparation-and-production-of-multinational-films-for-the-sobh-festival/>

September 5, 2024 -- COCUS inaugural event at Trump International Hotel, Chicago. Michael Flynn delivers "lengthy opening" keynote speech. Premiere of "Hunter's Laptop -- Requiem for Ukraine" (dir. Lopatonok, feat. Bannon, Giuliani, Miranda Devine). Andrii Derkach (US Treasury-sanctioned "active Russian agent") quoted at event, speaking about Ukraine, the church, and "the history of our three nations." Giuliani and Bannon contributed video greetings. Tickets: \$500/person via WinRed. Significance: A US Treasury-designated Russian intelligence agent appeared at the inaugural event of an organization whose board includes a dual US-Russian citizen filmmaker (Lopatonok), a convicted-and-pardoned Trump-Russia figure (Papadopoulos), with Flynn as keynote. Source: <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/09/screening-qa-hard-hitting-new-documentary-hunters-laptop/>; <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/09/republican-leaders-celebrate-premiere-new-film-hunters-laptop/>

October 2024 -- Global Tree Pictures Inc. suspended by California Franchise Tax Board. The entity that paid Patel and Giuliani can no longer legally conduct business, file lawsuits, or transfer property in California. Source: <https://www.bizprofile.net/ca/west-hollywood/global-tree-pictures>

November 2024 -- "All the President's Men: The Conspiracy Against Trump" (6-part series) airs on Tucker Carlson Network. Dir: Sean Stone (former RT America host). Prod: Lopatonok, Tomilova. Episodes: (1) Papadopoulos, (2) Roger Stone, (3) Flynn, (4) Patel, (5) Giuliani, (6) Carlson. Financial disclosures: Global Tree Pictures paid Kash Patel \$25,000; Giuliani Communications received \$100,000 (per bankruptcy filings). Vera Tomilova registered "Global 3 Pictures" in Moscow with a Lopatonok email as contact and accounts at VTB bank -- which has been under US Treasury

sanctions since 2014, with 2022 restrictions banning US citizens from transacting with VTB without government approval. Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/02/07/patel-fbi-russia-lopatonok/>; <https://www.newsweek.com/kash-patel-fbi-russia-film-payment-2028232>

2025: Washington Post, Patel Confirmation, ROCOR Lobbying

January 2025 -- "Iran: The Great Game" released. Features Oliver Stone, Jeffrey Sachs, Pepe Escobar, Seyed Mohammad Marandi. Screened by 21st Century Wire February 2026. Source: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt38047111/>; <https://21stcenturywire.com/2025/01/13/interview-igor-lopatonok-film-director-producer-at-sobh-festival-2024/>

February 7, 2025 -- Washington Post publishes investigation connecting Lopatonok directly to incoming FBI Director Kash Patel. Financial disclosures from Patel's Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation reveal \$25,000 payment from Global Tree Pictures. Also reveals: \$100,000 to Giuliani, Lopatonok's role as artistic director of Putin-funded "To Russia With Love," the Peskov proposal, and Moscow entity with VTB bank accounts. Covered by Newsweek, Kyiv Independent, Daily Beast, BTS Times, AsAmNews, RSN. Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/02/07/patel-fbi-russia-lopatonok/>

November 18, 2025 -- ROCOR clergy and supporters meet with Tulsi Gabbard (DNI), Reps. Anna Paulina Luna and Darrell Issa, State Department's Sarah Rogers. Delegation organized by Catherine Whiteford -- who sits on COCUS's Advisory Council alongside Lopatonok's business partner Vera Tomilova. The Society of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco (founded 2025) hosts the delegation. The narrative advanced -- that Ukraine is persecuting Orthodox Christians -- is the same framing COCUS promotes and aligns with the objective of Lopatonok's Peskov proposal (cut Ukraine aid). White House Faith Office cancels confirmed meeting as delegation arrives. Source: <https://religionnews.com/2025/11/21/orthodox-christian-clergy-call-on-us-officials-drawing-accusations-of-russian-influence/>; <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/5657677-orthodox-christian-delegation-capitol-hill-russia-ukraine/>

November 18, 2025 -- Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) sends letter to AG Bondi requesting investigation into "whether the Russian Federation or its intelligence services have sought to recruit, leverage, influence or otherwise compromise" ROCOR institutions. States: "The Russian Orthodox Church is not a separate religious organization but an extension of the Russian state." FBI had previously warned Orthodox Christian clergy in the US of recruitment efforts by the ROC for Russia's intelligence services (per 2023 Foreign Affairs report). Source: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/5609325-russian-orthodox-church-white-house-capitol-hill/>

November-December 2025 -- Rep. Luna becomes primary congressional champion of ROCOR/UOC religious persecution narrative. States on X she will "fight to stop the flow of weapons and money to Ukraine." Hosts December 12, 2025 Legislative Day of Action on Capitol Hill organized by Society of St. John. Kyiv Post assesses her as "parroting Russian propaganda aimed at undermining the Christian country of Ukraine." Network chain: Lopatonok (COCUS Board) -> Whiteford (COCUS Advisory Council) -> Society of St. John delegation -> Luna (congressional champion). Source: <https://orthochristian.com/174438.html>; <https://www.kyivpost.com/opinion/56667>; https://www.easterndiocese.org/news_251121_3

Current Status: Designations and Listings

Current -- Ukrainian GUR War & Sanctions portal: Listed under "Propaganda > Persons" (entry #35795, LOPATEONOK Igor Zinovievich). GUR recommends international sanctions. No country has yet imposed them. Not listed on OFAC SDN, EU sanctions, UK sanctions, or OpenSanctions aggregator. Never registered under FARA despite documented foreign government funding streams. Source: <https://war-sanctions.gur.gov.ua/en/propaganda/persons/35795>

SOURCE URL COMPILATION

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